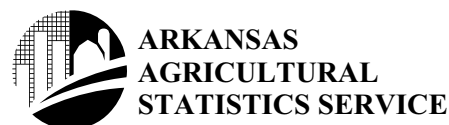


# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

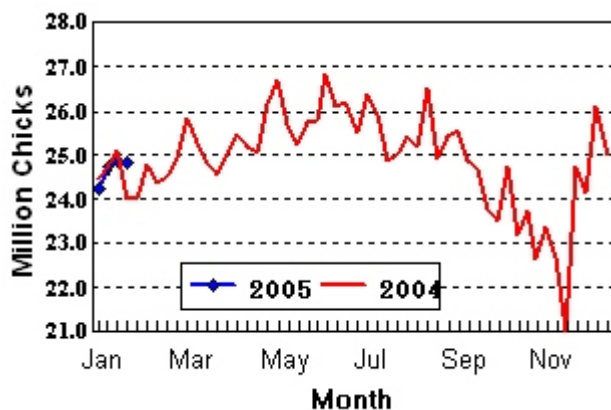
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 24.8 million during the week ending January 22, 2005. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2004, but down slightly from the revised previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 25, 2004 through January 22, 2005 were 98.7 million, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 25.9 million, up 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.9 percent.

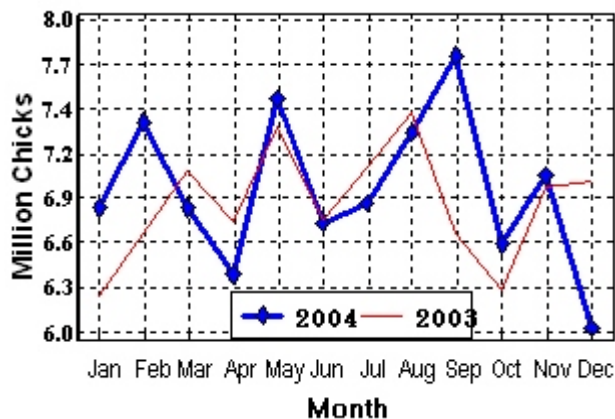
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 22, 2005, up fractionally from the same period last year, but down 2 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.1 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2004, down 13 percent from December 2003.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS  
BY WEEK, 2004- 2005**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED  
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



### NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2003-2004	2004-2005	
	1,000		
Dec. 18	24,804	26,068	105
Dec. 25	25,698	25,011	97
Jan. 1	24,497	24,256	99
Jan. 8	24,787	24,740	100
Jan. 15	25,101	24,886	99
Jan. 22	23,982	24,832	104

### U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2003	2004	
	1,000		
Jul.	7,071	6,834	97
Aug.	7,401	7,280	98
Sep.	6,654	7,758	117
Oct.	6,312	6,587	104
Nov.	6,946	7,008	101
Dec.	6,978	6,075	87

**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004-2005**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	01-Jan	08-Jan	15-Jan	22-Jan		18-Dec	25-Dec	01-Jan	08-Jan	15-Jan	22-Jan	
Alabama	29,291 *	29,683	29,216	29,581	100	21,088	21,363	21,191	21,737	21,279	21,188	96
ARKANSAS	31,195 *	31,479	31,506	30,744	100	26,068	25,011	24,256	24,740	25,886 *	24,832	104
Delaware	3,800	3,916	3,647 *	3,772	96	5,570	5,449	6,306	5,792	6,111 *	5,353	99
Florida	1,330	1,324	1,339	1,338	98	1,501	1,418	1,532	1,505	1,554	1,525	98
Georgia	33,823	33,667	33,386 *	32,850	99	26,668	26,858	26,900	27,303	26,776 *	27,148	105
Kentucky	7,599 *	7,111	7,232 *	7,094	125	6,153	5,903	5,837	5,717	5,471 *	6,085	106
Louisiana	4,013	3,997	4,014	3,984	109	3,633	3,716	3,801	4,110	3,843	3,819	105
Maryland	8,712	8,754	8,763 *	8,147	94	5,265	5,121	4,669	5,367	4,624 *	5,299	113
Mississippi	18,976 *	19,527	19,256	19,709	104	17,507	17,253	16,923	17,575	17,195	17,012	104
N. Carolina	18,320 *	17,907	17,657	17,830	99	14,228	14,194	14,129	14,503	14,989	14,473	104
Oklahoma	6,474	6,460	6,324	6,529	102	5,288	4,867	5,719	4,772	5,537	4,481	96
Pennsylvania	3,942	3,803	3,956 *	3,710	99	2,865	2,720 *	3,007	2,985	2,942 *	2,912	115
S. Carolina	4,761	4,875	5,341	5,068	138	4,423	4,504	3,882	4,496	4,011 *	4,134	96
Texas	14,871	14,949	13,672	15,226	103	12,137	12,545	12,517	12,135	12,735 *	12,461	105
Virginia	6,240	6,300	6,146	6,370	102	5,249	5,114	5,248	4,718	5,252	5,660	118
CA,MO,TN,WV	16,897	17,374	17,885 *	18,137	106	15,629	16,057	16,530 *	16,060	15,718 *	16,270	114
Total 2004-2005	210,244 *	211,126	209,340 *	210,089		173,272	172,093 *	172,447 *	173,515	173,923 *	172,652	
Total 2003-2004	205,672	206,529	206,764	205,540		170,414	168,199	168,268	166,769	166,529	165,515	
%Prev. Year	102	102	101	102		102	102	102	104	104	104	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						05-Feb	12-Feb	19-Feb	26-Feb	05-Mar	12-Mar	

\* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

**EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 210 million eggs during the week ending January 22, 2005. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 4 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 22, 2005. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through January 22, 2005 were 520 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.